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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 21, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group VII (Claims 64-77), drawn to a method of preparing a phenolic polymer are elected for prosecution. In response to the requirement to elect a species, Applicants elect poly(tert-butylhydroquinone), described in Example 8. Claims 64-77 read on the elected species.

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement with respect to Groups VII, VIII and IX for the following reasons. Section 803 of the MPEP, at page 800-4, states:

If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent and distinct invention.

The inventions of Group VII (Claims 64-77), Group VIII (Claims 78-92) and Group IX (claim 93-109) are drawn to methods of preparing a phenolic polymer. The scope of the claims in Group VIII and Group IX are encompassed by the claims in Group VII. In addition, the inventions of Groups VII, VIII and IX are classified in the same class. Therefore, Applicants believe that a search for the inventions of Groups VII, VIII and IX have substantial overlap, and thus can be made without serious burden.

Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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